

## Welcome

Hello again!

At last I can announce that Hills Disability Housing Inc Ancillary Fund has been granted "Deductible Gift Recipient" status.

After 4 years of negotiation with the ATO it has arrived! Now those who care to make a donation to our worthy cause can claim it on their tax. This has been back-dated to August last year, perhaps you read the piece in the Courier?

We feel it has boosted our morale, makes us feel worthwhile and of course we are.

After a quiet year last year we are getting back into the swing of raising money for our cluster village.

At times I have been accused of having a pipe dream – well it's not.

There has been some headway made with a few people acquiring accommodation and for that I am exceptionally pleased, however, there are still dozens of people out there with aging parents who desperately



Marjorie Tillyer and Jacque Major reading the DGR information.

need safe, secure supported accommodation that is of a satisfactory standard to live in.

We want to ensure both perspective residents and their families that what we want to offer is 'just like home', or as close as possible to it. Social reform has always taken a long time and social reformers have always had a long row to hoe.

I thought that it might be appropriate for a look into the past and to see what should be done for the future, so here's a look at the past.

## In the past

In South Australia prior to Minda – our first dedicated institution for those with an intellectual disability – those children were called idiots and accommodated – I won't say cared for – in the Parkside Lunatic Asylum.

By 1900 those with an intellectual disability were called "feeble-minded" and there was quite a large movement of social reformers who tried quite hard to bring in social reform laws that prevented women likely to produce such an infant to be prevented from doing so.

By the 60s the Eugenists had moved on and the children with intellectual disabilities were called mentally retarded, but were more frequently being cared for at home by parents rather than in institutions like Minda and educated at "special schools".

However, there were still a large number and they were accommodated in Strathmont and then Julia Farr centre as people with disabilities increased. In the next issue we will look at more recent times and consider the future.

I would like to encourage both those who have family members with intellectual disabilities and especially others from the community to get involved with assistance and understanding of the issues that face a growing number of ageing carers who want nothing more than to have their adult children in suitable secure and safe supported accommodation before they die.

Working for the well-being of intellectually disabled people and their families is extremely satisfying. Bricks and mortar are important, lack of housing is just one excuse for not finding the carer support funding.

If any one would like to help us assist those in the Hills districts with our project and therefore increase the awareness please come and see me. It's time for social reform to add another dimension.

## Coming Events

### Psychic fair

See if you can guess when and where it will be.

For those of you who have yet to develop your psychic powers we will let you know in the next newsletter – you obviously need to be there!

Wherever and whenever it will be a not to be missed event.

### Quiz Night

Friday 7th May  
Hahndorf Football Club  
see over for full details

## Web site

Is a great way of keeping you up to date with our progress. At this stage it's in its infancy but I am sure it will prove to be a great asset.

We are always looking for ways of making money, but we also like to save money and by letting us know your email address we can let you have our newsletter via email and of course you can always read it on line. This will save us considerable postage.

Thank you to those who have agreed to this. As you have noticed we have sent this edition out via snail mail to ensure that as many as possible hear about our latest news – we suspect not all read the online version!

## HDH Key Rings

Here's a great way to support us and show others that you do. Help one of the Hill's young adults get the key to their own door by buying a unique key ring for yours.

Specially commissioned, these stylish key rings will be a talking point with everyone you meet. What a great way to spread the word about your favourite local charity.

To order yours call Judy on 8391 6672 with your credit card details and we will post one ( or ten – they make great presents ) off to you. Just \$12.50 + postage and handling.

Right: Harry Tilyer inspecting the new key-rings we have for sale.



## Membership

WE have sent this newsletter out via Australian Post because we have included our membership renewal forms.

I do hope those of you who have belonged before will rejoin and for those of you who have not I urge you to do so.

It is still only \$15 per year and a renewal form can be located on our web site.

Membership is very important because it not only helps with administrative costs, it also adds credence to our applications to government and others.

Please rejoin!



## Hahndorf Football Club

**Friday 7th may**  
7pm for 7.30 start.

Excellent Quiz Master  
Great Prizes  
Fantastic raffles

BYO nibbles, drinks available at the bar.  
Tea and Coffee will be available.

Just \$10 per person

To book a table please call  
8391 6672, 8391 5238  
or 8391 1614

Tables of eight

See you there!

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